

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7925

AN ACT

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Palm Desert, California, as the “Sy Kaplan VA Clinic”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Seymour “Sy” Kaplan was born on Feb-
4 ruary 28, 1924.

5 (2) Sergeant Kaplan served in the United
6 States Army from 1942 to 1945 as a combat engi-
7 neer.

8 (3) Sergeant Kaplan served in the 2d, 4th, and
9 14th Armored Divisions, seeing service in North Af-
10 rica, Italy, and France.

11 (4) Sergeant Kaplan rose to the rank of Tech-
12 nical Sergeant and earned 3 Battle Stars and 2 Pur-
13 ple Hearts.

14 (5) Sergeant Kaplan served under General
15 George Patton at the Battle of the Bulge and re-
16 ceived 2 Purple Hearts for his service.

17 (6) In April 1945, Sergeant Kaplan was griev-
18 ously wounded in an enemy mortar attack in
19 Czechoslovakia and returned to the United States a
20 wounded warrior.

21 (7) Sergeant Kaplan served as Commander of
22 the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 78
23 (Coachella Valley) for many years.

24 (8) Sergeant Kaplan was instrumental in the
25 opening of the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic
26 in Palm Desert.

1 (9) Sergeant Kaplan personally provided count-
 2 less local veterans with advice and assistance in ob-
 3 taining their earned Department of Veterans Affairs
 4 benefits.

5 (10) Sergeant Kaplan received the Senior Inspi-
 6 ration Award from Riverside County Supervisor Roy
 7 Wilson in 2001.

8 (11) Wilson also appointed Sergeant Kaplan
 9 the first chair of the Desert Palms Community
 10 Council.

11 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
 12 **FAIRS COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT**
 13 **CLINIC LOCATED IN PALM DESERT, CALI-**
 14 **FORNIA.**

15 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-
 16 fairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Palm
 17 Desert, California, shall after the date of the enactment
 18 of this Act be known and designated as the “Sy Kaplan
 19 VA Clinic”.

20 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
 21 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United

- 1 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall
- 2 be deemed to be a reference to the “Sy Kaplan VA Clinic”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 14,
2022.

Attest:

Clerk.

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